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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application and entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested.

Claim 3 has been revised to correct a clerical error. Claims 15-17 and 32-34 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 18 has been revised so as to be placed in independent form. That claims have been cancelled should not be taken as an indication that Applicant agrees with any position taken by the Examiner. Rather, the cancellations have been made merely to advance prosecution and Applicant reserves the right to pursue any deleted subject matter in a continuation application.

The abstract has been revised to comply with word length requirements.

Claims 15 and 16 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Burd et al. The rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 15 and 16.

Claims 32 and 33 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as allegedly being obvious over Burd. The rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 32 and 33.

Claims 17 and 19 (the Examiner confirmed by phone on October 25, 2008 that claim 34 was intended) stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as obvious over Burd in view of Sage. Cancellation of claims 17 and 34 renders the rejection moot.

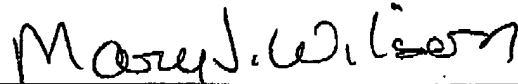
This application is submitted to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is requested.

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